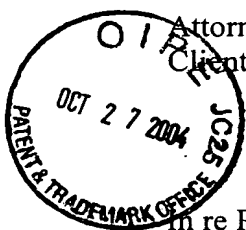


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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of October 7, 2004, Applicants herewith elect the Group III invention represented by claims 43-84.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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